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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/599,594
Filing Date	June 22, 2000
First Named Inventor	Irina NAZARENKO
Group Art Unit	1637
Examiner Name	Fredman, J.N.
Attorney Docket Number	0942.4980002/RWE/ MTT

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-0036
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other PTO Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17) \_\_\_\_\_

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/599,594; Filed: June 22, 2000  
For: **Primers and Methods for the Detection and  
Discrimination of Nucleic Acids**  
Inventors: NAZARENKO *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.4980002/RWE/MTT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30);
2. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
3. Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;
4. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
5. Courtesy copy of the postcard receipt, the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), and Form PTO-1449 (16 pages) as filed on January 12, 2001;
6. Courtesy copy of the postcard receipt, the First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), and Form PTO-1449 (1 page) as filed on January 23, 2001;
7. Courtesy copy of the postcard receipt, the Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), and Form PTO-1449 (the fifth page) as filed on May 3, 2002;

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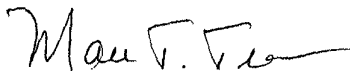
8. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038; and
9. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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